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the City or County of Philadelphia, as they shall judge expedient, for the sale of the Hall of the Society and the lot of ground on which it stands.

Resolved, That the same committee be instructed to inquire into the practicability and expediency of purchasing for the use of the Society the building now occupied by the Philadelphia and Chinese Museums.

The Committee consists of Dr. Patterson, Dr. Chapman, and Mr. Richards.

Mr. Kane, Reporter, laid on the table No. 18 of the Proceedings of the Society, for May and June, 1841.

The decease of the following named members was announced:

Joseph Parker Norris, 22d June, 1841; aged 78:

James Abercrombie, D.D. 26th June, 1841; aged 83:

William James Mac Neven, M.D. 12th July, 1841; aged 78:

Julien Ursin Niemcewicz, 1841; aged 84.

GEORGE BANCROFT, of Boston, was duly elected a member of the Society.

Special Meeting, July 28.

Present, twenty-three members.

Mr. DU PONCEAU, President, in the Chair.

On motion of Dr. Patterson, from the Committee appointed at the last meeting to negotiate for the sale of the Hall of the Society, &c., that Committee was authorized to take final order in the matters referred to it.

Special Meeting, August 9.

Present, twenty-one members.

Mr. DU PONCEAU, President, in the Chair.

Dr. Patterson, from the Committee appointed on the 16th July, reported in part, that the Committee had purchased the building now occupied by the Philadelphia and Chinese Mu-

seums, for the sum of thirty-seven thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, subject to certain incumbrances; and upon his motion it was unanimously *Resolved*, that the Society ratifies the purchase made in its name by the Committee, and that the Committee be authorized to take all necessary measures for carrying it into effect. Other resolutions were also adopted on motion of Dr. Patterson, making provision for paying the purchase money, and constituting a Committee to make arrangements for the accommodation of the Society in the new building, &c. This Committee consists of Dr. Patterson, Dr. Bache, Mr. Kane, Mr. Richards, and Dr. Hays.

Stated Meeting, August 20.

Present, twenty-two members.

Mr. DU PONCEAU, President, in the Chair.

Letters were received and read—

From Major Edward Sabine, dated Woolwich, May 19, 1841, and from George Bancroft, Esq., dated Boston, July 10, 1841, making acknowledgments for the honour of their election to membership:—

From the Cambridge Philosophical Society, dated May 24, 1841; the Royal Asiatic Society, dated November 7, 1840; and the Geological Society of London, dated May 20, 1841, acknowledging the receipt of copies of the Society's Transactions and Proceedings:—

From the Rev. Dr. Samuel Miller, of Princeton, dated July 5, 1841, and Mr. Moncure Robinson, dated May 23, 1841, accompanying donations to the Society's Library:—

From His Excellency the Chevalier Pierre de Götz, Counsellor of State, &c. &c., dated St. Petersburg, $\frac{10}{24}$ June, 1839, accompanying donations to the Library from the Imperial Academy of Sciences, from the Minister of Public Instruction of Russia, from Admiral Schiskow, and from himself, and requesting the Society to distribute, on behalf of the Imperial Academy, four copies of a work, entitled "Untur-